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The bill provides for the Department of Human Services to develop a system of penalties to be implemented if a recipient demonstrates noncompliance or does not meet the Family Independence Plan (FIP) expectations. These penalties imposed include:

- (1) for the first instance of noncompliance or failure to meet FIP expectations the recipient is ineligible for assistance for at least one month;
- (2) for the second instance of noncompliance or failure to meet FIP expectations the recipient is ineligible for assistance for at least 2 months; and
- (3) for the third instance of noncompliance or failure to meet FIP expectations within a 24-month period the recipient is ineligible for assistance for at least 24 months.

The department would be prohibited from changing the amount of assistance provided to a recipient based on family size more than 1 time in a 36-month period.

The bill also requires annual reporting to the Legislature, House and Senate Fiscal Agencies and the appropriate House and Senate standing committees the number of sanctions imposed and reapplications made, the number of cases reopened, the number of referrals to emergency shelters, the number of sanctions imposed on families with at least one disabled parent and the number of sanctions imposed on families with disabled children.